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INFO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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AMEMBASSY LOURENCO MARQUES

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SUBJECT: BRIDGE AT TEIXEIRA DE SOUSA

SIR PHILLIP DE ZULUETA, A DIRECTOR OF TANGANYIKA CONCES-
SIONS, TELEPHONED EMBASSY OFFICER THE EVENING OF JANUARY 5
TO RELAY REPOPT FROM COMPANY SOURCES THAT THE BENGUELA
RAILWAY BRIDGE AT TEIXEIRA DE SOUSA HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY
EXPLOSIVES. SIR PHILLIP COULD NOT CONFIRM THAT MPLA
FORCES WERE RESPONSIBLE BUT SPECULATED THAT UNITA TROOPS
ADVANCING EASTWARD FROM LUSO MIGHT HAVE CAUSED THE MPLA
TO TAKE THIS PREEMPTIVE ACTION. SIR PHILLIP DID NOT KNOW
THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE. HE SAID HIS COMPANY HAD UNTIL
NOW PLANNED TO REOPEN THE ENTIRE RAILWAY WITHIN THREE
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WEEKS OF ITS FALLING INTO "SAFE HANDS." THE DESTRUCTION

OF THE BRIDGE, HOWEVER, WILL IMMEASURABLY DELAY THE EFFECTIVE REOPENING OF THE LINE.

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